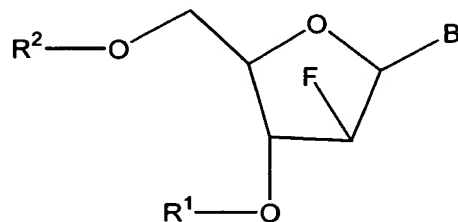


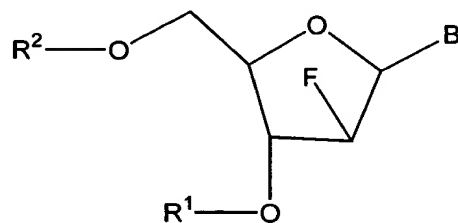
wherein B is N²-isobutyrylguanine, R¹ and R² are both H.

10. (Amended) The compound having the formula:



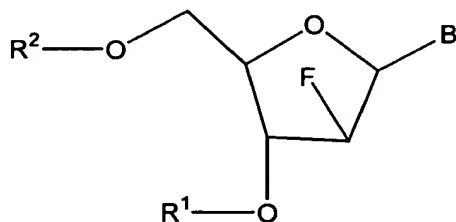
Gilcon⁴ wherein B is N⁴-benzoylcytosine, R¹ and R² are both H.

11. (Amended) The compound having the formula:



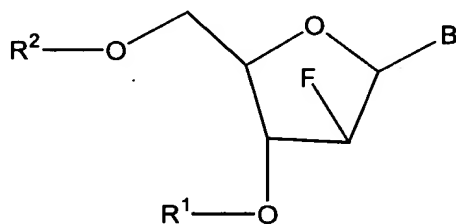
wherein B is N⁶-benzoyladenine, R¹ and R² are both H.

12. (Amended) The compound having the formula:



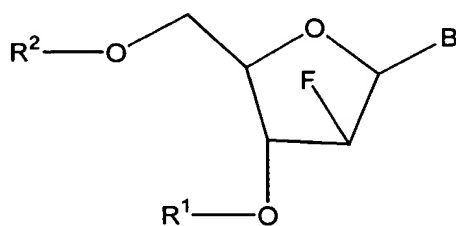
wherein B is N²-isobutyrylguanine, R¹ is H and R² is 4,4'-dimethoxytrityl.

13. (Amended) The compound having the formula:



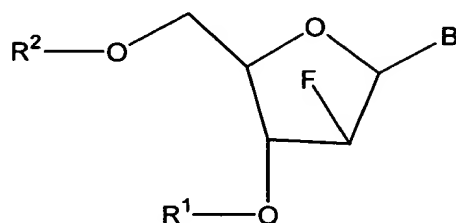
wherein B is N⁴-benzoylcytosine, R¹ is H and R² is 4,4'-dimethoxytrityl.

14. (Amended) The compound having the formula:



wherein B is N⁶-benzoyladenine, R¹ is H and R² is 4,4'-dimethoxytrityl.

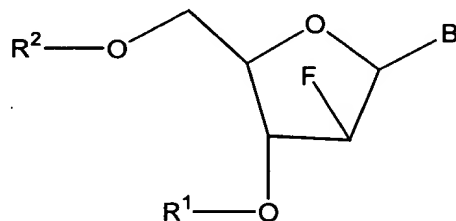
15. (Amended) The compound having the formula:



wherein B is thymine, R¹ is H and R² is 4,4'-dimethoxytrityl.

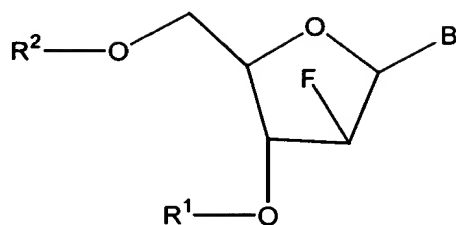
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16. (Amended) The compound having the formula:



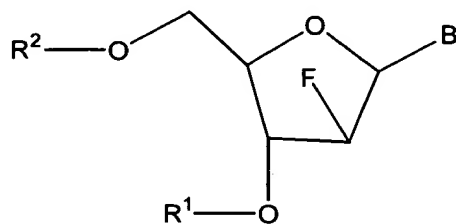
wherein B is N²-isobutyrylguanine, R¹ is t-butyldimethylsilyl and R² is H.

17. (Amended) The compound having the formula:



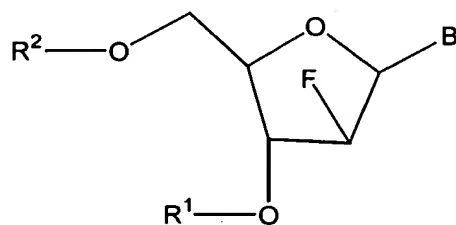
wherein B is N⁴-benzoylcytosine, R¹ is t-butyldimethylsilyl and R² is H.

18. (Amended) The compound having the formula:



wherein B is N⁶-benzoyladenine, R¹ is t-butyldimethylsilyl and R² is H.

19. (Amended) The compound having the formula:



wherein B is thymine, R¹ is t-butyldimethylsilyl and R² is H.